Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes May 13, 2020

Attendance: Margaret Adams, Chris Kelly, Diane Loud, Joe Borsellino, Margaret Matthews, Officer Michael Buckley, Amy Wax Lafont, Philjay Somera Solar, Aiden Healey, Mayann Martin, Lianna Manos

The meeting was convened at 6:10 PM.

Minutes were approved for the February 2020 meeting. Roll call was taken and was unanimous.

Dr. King Speaker

Margaret Adams and Chris Kelly will generate potential Dr. King speakers for events in January. Diane Loud has a potential speaker to share as well as Margaret Adams. Please forward any additional names.

Dedham TV, I am Dedham

The last show occurred via Zoom and was well received. Philjay has a potential guest as well Chris Kelly and Mayanne Martin. Chris Kelly will share further information for these to occur via Zoom.

Dedham Times Articles

Diane Loud will write the article for June focused on mental health and perhaps one to also on LGBQT. Margaret Matthews will write an article on housing in July. Rob Blaney will write an article along with the middle school action team on food insecurity.

Resource Guide

The committee discussed the resource guide shared by the town. We agreed to disseminate via social media. We discussed adding resources to support different communities such as LGBQT and immigrant community. The committee agreed to share the disability resource line shared by Lianna Manos. Roll call was taken and was unanimous.

Master Plan Committee Update

Sarah MacDonald, member of the Select Board, gave an update on the Master Plan Committees work. She shared some of the first initial survey data. The HRC discussed connecting with the Blue Hills Program at Capen that is providing adult education programming. The HRC discussed developing a document to highlight from our perspective from diverse communities. Sarah MacDonald will share the slides that she shared with the HRC and the priorities of the Master Plan. The HRC discussed if it could use its Dedham TV/I Am Dedham show to promote understanding of the Master Plan Committee. The HRC also discussed making use of the show to promote completion of US Census.

Letterhead for HRC

Philjay will work on the designing of the letterhead for a future meeting.

The Human Rights Commission adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Future meeting dates are June 24th at 6 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Margaret Adams, Clerk Human Rights Commission